

Worker Maria Wilczynska

Housekeeping aid at UCONN Health Center

In support of HB 5378- speaking on the issue of reclassification of housekeeping aids as light duty cleaner.

My name is Maria Wilczynska and I am an ISS contracted housekeeper at the UCONN Health Center at the MARB building. I have been a housekeeper there for about 11 years and clean offices, clinics, bathrooms and hallways. I do the same job as a janitor but because of my classification I only make \$14.63 much less than a janitor at the UCONN campuses across the state. Because of the classification issues we have lost our pension contributions for six year and only this year have they resumed.

I am a grandmother and I live in Berlin. It's very difficult to support my family and pay property taxes. I cannot save up money for retirement which is only a few years away because of my low wages. Increases in healthcare costs have made it difficult for save up money. A lot of my earnings go into paying for insurance copays.